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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: EMBASSY OF SOUTH VIETNAM

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1. FORMER VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR CALLED ON AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN MAY 19 AND PRESENTED FORMAL REQUEST OF HIMSELF AND HIS STAFF FOR "PRIVILEGE TO EVACUATE TO US AS REFUGEES." REQUEST ENCOMPASSES AMBASSADOR, DUONG HOANG THANH AND THREE DEPENDENTS (MOTHER, WIFE AND SON); NGUYEN VAN TINH, MILITARY ATTACHE, AND THREE DEPENDENTS (WIFE AND TWO SONS); DO DUC HAU, FIRST SECRETARY, AND FOUR DEPENDENTS (WIFE, TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER); MRS. NGUYEN CAM KHANH, THIRD SECRETARY, AND TWO DEPENDENTS (HUSBAND AT ADB AND BROTHER); DANG VAN DUNG, THIRD SECRETARY (PRESS), AND FOUR DEPENDENTS (WIFE, TWO SONS AND ONE DAUGHTER); NGUYEN VAN MINH, THIRD SECRETARY, AND TWO DEPENDENTS (WIFE AND DAUGHTER); NGUYEN XUAN KHANG, ATTACHE, AND TWO DEPENDENTS (WIFE AND SON); TRAN DINH HY, ATTACHE (COUNSELOR), AND TWO DEPENDENTS (WIFE AND DAUGHTER); VU NGOC VY, STAFF, AND SIX DEPENDENTS (WIFE AND FIVE DAUGHTERS); TON VAN PHUNG, STAFF, AND FOUR DEPENDENTS.

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2. VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THEIR POSI-

TION WITH PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT WHICH INDICATED IT HAD NO PROBLEM WITH VIETNAMESE REMAINING UNTIL PRG SENT SUCCESSOR. AMBASSADOR SAID HE INTENDS TO DO THAT, AT LEAST UNTIL AND IF HE IS ACCEPTED BY UNITED STATES OR SOME OTHER COUNTRY. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN HE HAD NOT HEARD OF ANY PLAN FOR YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT TO BE APPOINTED CARETAKER. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE VIETNAMESE HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO LAST UNTIL SOME POINT IN JUNE. FNCB HAS NOW RECEIVED TREASURY AUTHORITY TO UNBLOCK \$40,000 IN DOLLAR ACCOUNT REQUESTED MANILA 6361, AND WE UNDERSTAND VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR NEGOTIATING WITH FNCB FOR RELEASE OF BALANCE. END COMMENT.

3. VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR HAS MADE APPEAL TO UNHCR THROUGH UNDP REPRESENTATIVE BERGSTROM IN MANILA. IN ADDITION, HE HAS APPEALED TO BBRITISH, FRENCH AND ONE OTHER UNIDENTIFIED EMBASSY SO FAR WITHOUT CONCLUSIVE RESULTS. BERGSTROM HAS SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED EMBASSY THAT HE WILL TAKE UP CASE OF BOTH VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN EMBASSY STAFFS WITH BRITISH, FRENCH AND GOP, AND WILL DISCUSS MATTER WITH UNHCR BANGKOK REP THIS WEEKEND. PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY INDICATED IT WILL NOT ACCEPT VIETNAMESE EMBASSY STAFF AS REFUGEES.

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